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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS MONTANA ATTEND TAFT SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS AT UM

MISSOULA --

Twenty-eight Montana educators and two from Idaho attended a seminar on American politics held July 5-15 at the University of Montana, the Taft Seminar for Teachers.

The participants, high school and elementary school educators in American history and American government, included teachers Richard Abel of Manhattan High School; Mary Jean Bivins of Choteau Junior High School; Robert Bushman of Wibaux County High School; Steve Crosby of Roundup Junior and Senior high schools; Charles "Bill" Davis of the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in Great Falls; Rosanne Davis of West Elementary School in Great Falls; Brenda Egge of Cottonwood School in Lewistown; William Everett of C.R. Anderson Middle School in Helena; James Harrington of Butte High School; Doug Hayes of Froid Public Schools; Jim Holland of Columbia Falls High School; Clayton Hornung of Baker High School; David Host of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School in Busby; Sam Hunt of Dutton High School; Merle Jaques of Blaine County School District #61 in Hailey, Idaho; Jim Jenkins of Shepherd High School in Billings; Sheila Kroon of Shelby High School; Carol Lafaver of Smith School in Helena; Howard Letke of Custer County High School in Miles City;

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Dick MacCatherine of Roundup Public Schools; Beatrice McCarthy of W.K. Dwyer Primary School in Anaconda; Barbara Munsinger of Linderman Junior High School in Kalispell; Don Owen of Coeur d'Alene High School; Eileen Sheehy Pavlish of Billings West High School; Judy Preston of Hellgate Elementary School in Missoula; Peter Ruddy of Lewistown School District #1; Gary Simon of Whittier School in Butte; and Rick Strauss of Medicine Lake High School.

Also participating were principals Clinton Morey of Valley Christian School in Lolo and Louise Roe of Custer High School.

The four-credit, two-week seminar was designed to increase the educators' knowledge of the workings and benefits of American representative democracy, especially the two-party system and how it works in Montana.

Elected officials, political experts and Montana University System professors taught the classes.

The seminar was cosponsored by UM and the New York-based Taft Institute for Two-Party Government, named for the late Ohio Sen. Robert A. Taft.

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